

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Hune, Ward.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting. Representative Angerer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4900, HB 4901, and HB 4902 before the committee.

HB 4900 Meisner	Health; research; prohibition on embryonic research and human cloning; clarify.
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HB 4901 Meisner	Crimes; penalties; penalties for human cloning; increase.
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HB 4902 Meisner	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of human cloning; revise to reflect increased penalty.
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Representative Andy Meisner, sponsor of HB 4900, HB 4901, and HB 4902 testified in support of the bills.

Sean Morrison of the University of Michigan testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Tom and Tina Harvey of Port Huron, Dave and Stacy Giesen of Marshall, and Ann Stevenson of Lansing testified in opposition to the bills.

Mike Harris of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, Leon Carlock of Wayne State University, Kathleen Russell of the Parkinson's Action Network, Danny Heumann of the Daniel Heumann Fund For Spinal Cord Research, and Jeffrey Long of Wayne State University testified in support of the bills. Mr. Harris and Mr. Heumann also submitted written testimony.

Paul Long of the Michigan Catholic Conference, Timothy Houseal of Spring Lake, Mary Hamilton of Holt, Thomas E. Brennan, Jr. of East Lansing, and Ed Rivet of Right To Life Of Michigan testified in opposition to the bills. Mr. Long and Ms. Hamilton also submitted written testimony.

Ron Dooley of Commerce Township, Kris Nicholoff of Haslett, Brian Cybil of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Megan McMahon of Laingsburg, Lisa Klingbiel of Grand Ledge, and Matt Pianko of Ann Arbor testified in support of the bills. Ms. Klingbiel and Mr. Pianko also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Congressman Joe Schwarz of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Schwarz also submitted written testimony.

Susan Luria of Hadassah.

Susan Steiner Bolhouse of Republican Main Street Partnership Michigan. Ms. Bolhouse also submitted written testimony.

Rene Lieberman of West Bloomfield.

Nancy Finkel of Bloomfield Hills.

Fern Ettinger of the National Council of Jewish Women. Ms. Ettinger also submitted written testimony.

Linda Bloch of Birmingham.

Thomas and Kristy Mohr of Swartz Creek.

Caryn Noveck of Michigan Citizens For Stem Cell Research And Cures.

Lucas DiGia of Farmington Hills.

Melvin Lester of Franklin.

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Hune and Ward.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair _____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk.

House Health Policy Committee, (517) 373-5795